Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, James Richard Keyes was born on December 17, 1940, to Richard and Lorraine Keyes at Minneapolis, Minnesota, and was later joined by younger brother, Mike; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Jim graduated from Richfield Senior High School in Richfield, Minnesota, attended the University of Minnesota, and spent 12 years in the United States Air Force; and,

Whereas, Jim married Carmen Lydia Melendez-Gonzalez on October 28, 1967, and to this union three children were born, James, Jr., Lisa, and John, and they have also been blessed with four grandchildren: Jebben, Kyla, Kaitlyn and Tyler; and,

Whereas, Jim has worked for the Associated General Contractors of South Dakota for nearly 30 years; and,

Whereas, Jim enjoys reading, investing the family funds, traveling and a life-long hobby of making his wife, Carmen, happy—so he says; and,

Whereas, Jim will observe his 65th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 17, 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all his many friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State